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Media invited to tour Spring Valley Lot 18

Corps of Engineers prepares for bigger, faster dig to remove debris field

WASHINGTON – Members of the media are invited to visit the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Spring Valley Lot 18 dig site **Friday, June 17 at 10 a.m.** For safety reasons, only workers will be allowed on the excavation site after the dig re-starts June 20.

The Lot 18 dig is scheduled to resume with an inventive combination of new elements and existing practices that will help to safely speed up the removal of the Lot 18 debris field, allowing the completion of Lot 18 and the investigations of neighboring anomalies earlier than had been previously expected.

An overview of the Lot 18 investigation, which will include information on the changes that are being incorporated, will be followed by a site tour that will include an opportunity to view the various types of equipment that will be used. Experts will be available to answer questions.

Lot 18 is located on the southeastern edge of the American University campus adjacent to properties on Rockwood Parkway. The event will start at the operations center, **4621 Rockwood Parkway**.

The excavation at Lot 18 is part of the ongoing investigation and cleanup of Spring Valley, the site of an Army experiment station that existed there during World War I. Because of the potential for finding chemical warfare agent, the Corps is taking extensive safety precautions to protect workers and those who live and work near Lot 18. These safety measures will be discussed during the media tour.

Media representatives who plan to attend should call 410-962-2809, Baltimore District Public Affairs. **Press credentials will be required. Work boots or covered shoes suitable for uneven terrain and clothing appropriate for a construction site will be compulsory for those who wish to leave the operations center and join the site tour.**